

Patent Application No. 09/841,932

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2004. In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-11, and 13-18 were rejected under 35 USC §103, and claims 5 and 12 were indicated as allowable. By this Amendment, claims 5 and 12 are cancelled, and claims 1, 7, 8 and 13 are amended. Currently pending claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13-18 are believed allowable, with claims 1, 7, 8, and 13 being independent claims.

OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Figs. 6A-9 were rejected under 37 CFR 1.84(l) as containing poor line quality. It is respectfully submitted that Figs. 6A-9 are views showing examples of image processing for images photographed by a digital camera. See Application, page 5, line 24 - page 6, line 6. Thus, corrections to Figs. 6A-9 will act to detract from accuracy of these figures. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the objections to Figs. 6A-9 should be withdrawn.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to recite all the limitations of claim 5. Furthermore, amendment to claim 1 is not made for reasons of patentability since claim 1 is merely a new recitation of claim 5 making explicit what was previously incorporated by reference to claim 1. Thus, for at least this reason, claim 1 is believed allowable.

Claims 2-4, 6, 14 and 16 are dependent on and further limit claim 1. Since claim 1 is believed allowable, claims 2-4, 6, 14 and 16 are also believed allowable.

Claim 7 is amended herewith to include the limitations of claim 5. Since claim 5 was indicated by the Examiner as containing allowable

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subject matter, claim 7 is also believed to be allowable. No new matter is believed to be introduced by this amendment to claim 7.

Claims 15 and 17 are dependent on and further limit claim 7. Since claim 7 is believed allowable, claims 15 and 17 are also believed allowable.

Claim 12 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. By this Amendment, claim 8 is amended to recite all the limitations of claim 12. Furthermore, amendment to claim 8 is not made for reasons of patentability since claim 8 is merely a new recitation of claim 12 making explicit what was previously incorporated by reference to claim 8. Thus, for at least this reason, claim 8 is believed allowable.

Claims 9-11 and 18 are dependent on and further limit claim 8. Since claim 8 is believed allowable, claims 9-11 and 18 are also believed allowable.

Claim 13 is amended herewith to include the limitations of claim 12. Since claim 12 was indicated by the Examiner as containing allowable subject matter, claim 13 is also believed to be allowable. No new matter is believed to be introduced by this amendment to claim 13.

CONCLUSION


In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this case is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain at issue that the Examiner feels could best be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to contact the attorney below.

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No fee is believed due with this Amendment, however, should a fee be required please charge Deposit Account 50-0510. Should any extensions of time be required, please consider this a petition thereof and charge Deposit Account 50-0510 the required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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